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Honorable Joel Johnson, State Representative

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Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter in support of House Bill 4045.

History: The Gladwin County Judicial system issues "bench warrants" for multiple reasons, when the courts "defendants" do not follow the courts sentencing orders. The presiding Judge needs to have the defendant stand in front of the court, and that mechanism is the "bench warrants". The courts "bench warrants" are given (for execution) to the police agency that started the original case in the court system.

As such, the Gladwin City Police, obtain the Gladwin Court "bench warrants" (for city cases), and enter the information into the Law Enforcement Information System (LEIN) for the person to be arrested. Once the subject identified in the "bench warrant" is arrested (in another area of Michigan/not Gladwin County), the Gladwin City Police will drive and pickup the wanted subject and return that wanted subject to the Gladwin County Jail. This bench warrant system allows the wanted subject to be brought before the presiding Judge.

These "bench warrant" pickups cost the Gladwin City Police hundreds of dollars in wages and transportation costs, that go unreimbursed. Occasionally, the same defendant is picked up four of five times on "bench warrants" for the same original case. Meaning that they continual do not follow the judges sentencing orders.

I support having the court order the defendant or the wanted subject of the "bench warrant", reimburse the Police Department or "transporting agency" for all expenses involved in the transport of that subject back to the court. I agree that these would be transports outside of our Gladwin County area.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank You
Duane Bean II
Chief of the Gladwin Police Department